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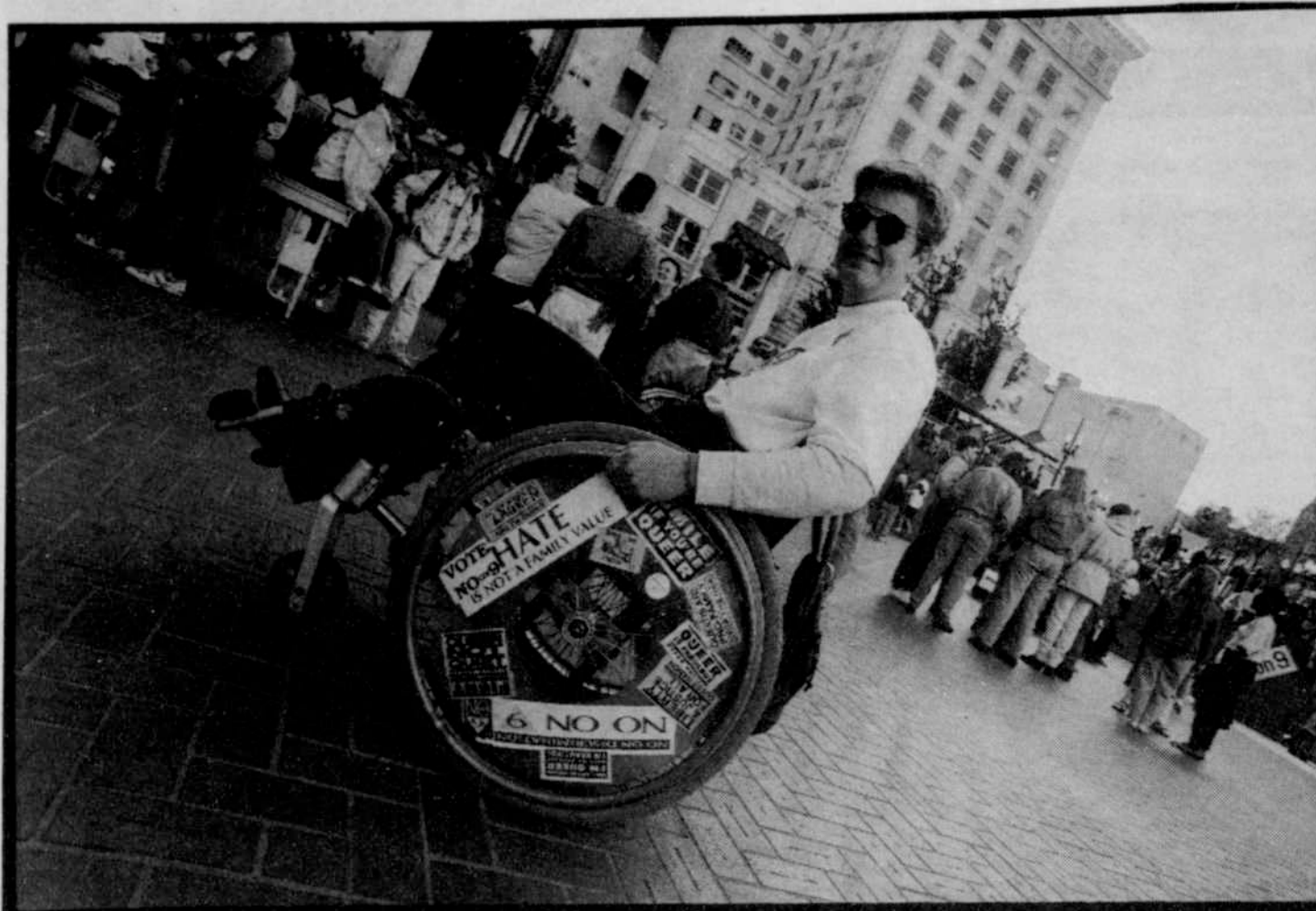
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Lauren Sylvis pulls a wheelie at the No on 9 rally on Oct. 4.

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editorial

A look at history

The bloodiest struggles in the United States have been over civil rights

Since its inception, the United States has tried to mature into fully embracing its fundamental philosophy. Certainly the Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution define a very inclusive framework. In the light of these sturdy documents, it seems ironic (or insane) that the bloodiest, most wrenching struggles on this continent have been fought trying to resist this inclusionary doctrine.

Civil rights and religious freedoms helped define the mass migration of Europeans to the Americas five centuries ago. Within a very short time after their arrival, most indigenous peoples and cultures were destroyed. There is yet to be any realistic attempt to set things right.

African and Asian people were imported into this country in a slave trade that was unprecedented. The legacy of that era tore the United States apart during the Civil War.

During the Spanish-American war, the United States stole thousands of territorial miles from Mexico. The state of Colorado still controls the Colorado River flow into Mexico and leaves barely a trickle for our Southern neighbors.

It was only through mass protesting and social upheaval that women were given the right to vote and hold office. Violence against women continues to escalate in the United States. Every 20 seconds a woman is raped, and every three minutes another is physically assaulted in her home, by a "loved one."

The movement to enact a 40-hour work week, unionize the labor pool and eliminate "sweat shops" met with an equally violent reaction. You can still find "sweat shops" in major cities.

Japanese-Americans, and anyone thought to be Japanese, were incarcerated in internment camps in the United States during World War II. It is only recently that retributions are being made to the survivors of this indignity.

The Civil Rights Movement of the '50s and '60s quickly led to the fire-bombing of churches. Many of the people guilty of those murders are still walking around free. There are places in the United States today where encouraging African-American people to vote is considered a revolutionary act. In the '70s the American Indian Movement started holding the United

States accountable for the treaties it signed. They too were fire-bombed, and families were destroyed. AIM member Leonard Peltier still sits in prison as a result of the gross miscarriage of justice during that time.

This country has a hard time living up to and honoring the simple, humanitarian doctrine put forth by its founders. There are strong messages regarding the separation of church and state, self-evident and inalienable rights, the pursuit of life, liberty and justice, as well as opportunities built in for the expansion of rights. There isn't even a space in the Constitution for removal of rights. These rights belong to and are owned by everyone.

The community of sexual minorities is where this violent resistance to ensuring civil rights is focusing now. As much as we'd all like to see this terrorist oppression end Nov. 4, it's not going to. The fight will not be over until we enact federal legislation that puts all of our names on the "human being" roster.

In Oregon, we are setting the tone for how this civil-rights war will be waged. Every major elected official in the state, every major newspaper, the majority of businesses, chambers of commerce and religions have come out squarely against Ballot Measure 9. Oregonians, from one end of the state to the other, are joining hands to stop this civil war. Our strength, our confidence, the courage that we show each day as we get up and face this assault, are being watched all over the world. We will not let Salem, Ore., become the Montgomery, Ala., of the '90s. There's certainly enough fear and hatred to create that, but we're in Oregon. Our governor is not afraid of the OCA. She's not afraid to name them for the hatemongers that they are. This is a beautiful, caring state. The majority of the law enforcement agencies will not turn their backs on the gay-bashings, the death threats, the deaths. We, in Oregon, have been galvanized as no other community has to stop the surging wave of violence and terror dead in its tracks.

It won't happen here. We won't let it. Gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgenders, heterosexuals—celebrate. We are all joining together to create safety and will derail this civil war before it gets any more fire under it.

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